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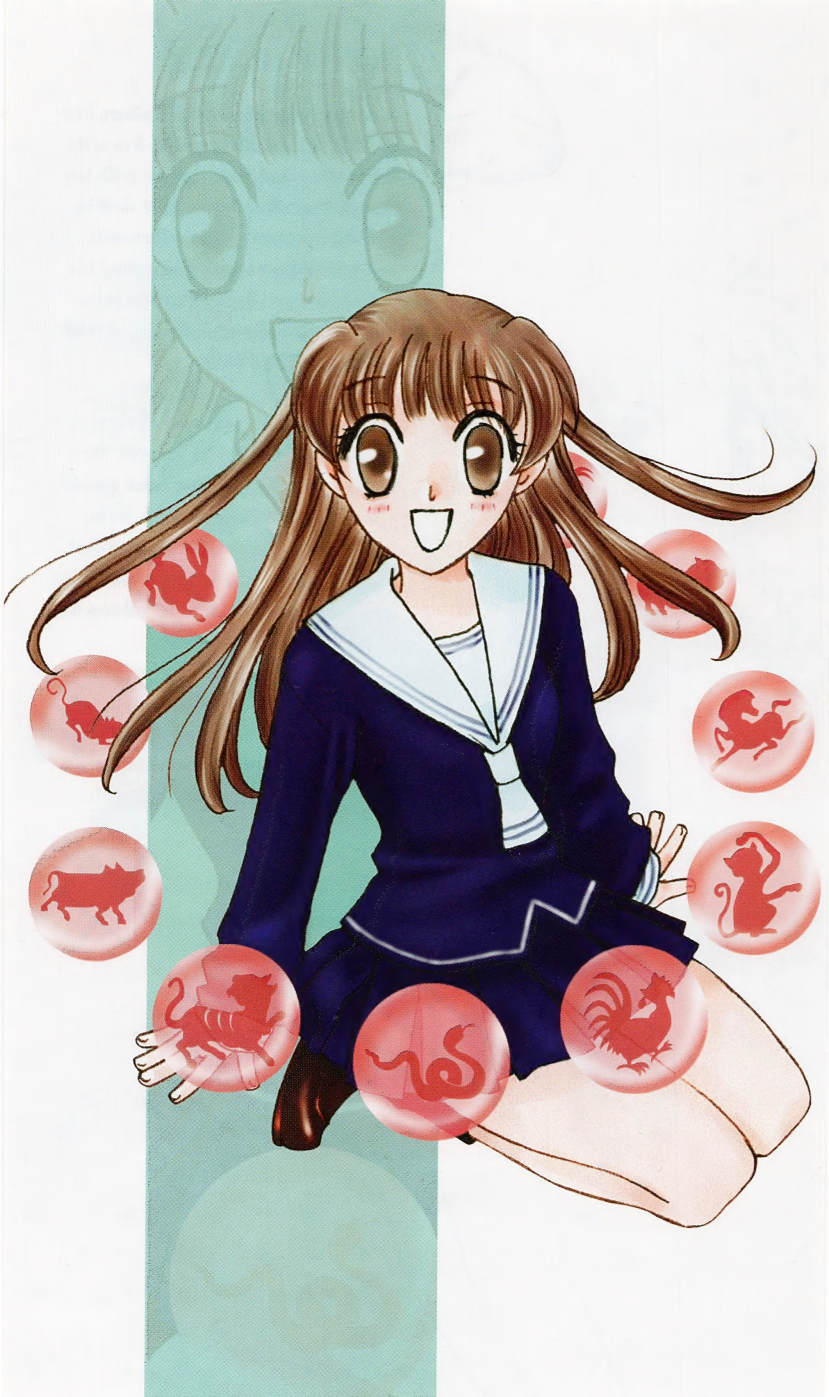


TOHRU HONDA

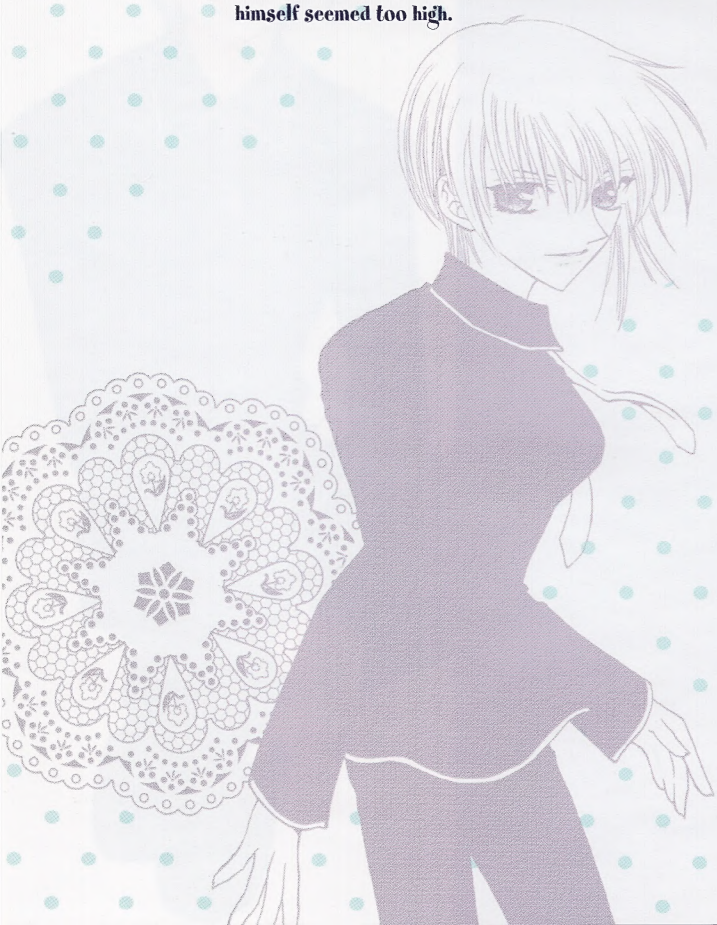
A second-year student at Kaibara Public High School. She used to live with her mother, but went to live with her grandfather after her mother died in a traffic accident. Soon afterwards, her grandfather began renovating his house, and she decided to try living in a tent. She is currently living rent-free at Shigure's house.

A compassionate girl who always thinks of others before herself. She always uses slightly incorrect formal speech, a habit she picked up from her father. She's so soft-hearted that she can't get angry with anyone. This profound kindness is what allows her to accept the Zodiac curse.

After she starts living with Kyo and Yuki, she sees how much the members of the Zodiac suffer under the curse, and begins desperately wanting to free them.

YUKI SOHMA-THE RAT

A second-year student at Kaibara Public High School and current president of the Student Council. Everything Yuki touches seems to turn to gold, so he has acquired the nickname "Prince Yuki." But he thinks of himself as insignificant and has a complex about his feminine looks. When he was small, he was brought to Akito as a playmate and the two of them lived together. But after Akito's mind was twisted, Yuki was locked in an isolated room and suffered severe psychological abuse. Even after he was let out, Yuki had no idea how to behave around people—the wall he'd built around himself seemed too high.



KYO SOHMA THE CAT

A second-year student at Kaibara Public High School. Kazuma Sohma's adopted son. His fate is to be confined deep within the Sohma estate after he finishes high school. But if he can ever defeat Yuki, he won't be imprisoned.

The person possessed by the Cat, despised by the Sohma family. Kyo's mother brought him up without letting him see anyone; she loved him, but was still afraid of him. After her suicide, Kyo was taken in by Kazuma, who gave him his first taste of untainted love. But he continued to be a fierce, unmanageable boy during elementary and middle school. He was supposed to attend a local boys' high school, but instead trained in the mountains with Kazuma for three months. After he got back, he began living at Shigure's house and attending Kaibara Public High School.

SHIGURE SOHMA THE DOG

Shigure is an author, who is raising Yuki and Kyo. Shigure hides his true self under a pretense of constant silliness. He's kind to Tohru, and generally friendly, but sometimes his eyes are cold. He seems to know something about the Zodiac curse, but he dodges questions about it. It's not entirely clear whether he has Tohru, Yuki, Kyo, or anyone else's best interests at heart, but he's obviously plotting something that involves Tohru. A couple of years ago he dated Mayuko Shiraki, Tohru's homeroom teacher, who called him a "ripple in the water."

KAGURA SOHMA - THE BOAR

A second-year student at a private girls' junior college. When she gets excited, she goes berserk, and has caused a lot of property damage. Her dream is to be a daycare worker. She is good friends with Ritsu.

Kagura is a demure girl who is prone to dreaming. She is shy and quiet, but when she gets excited, she becomes a destructive force of nature. Her behavior is especially uncontrollable when she's with her beloved Kyo. She's been trained at Kazuma's dojo, so her capacity to wreak havoc is unparalleled.

When she was young, she happened to meet Kyo, and they started playing together. Since Kyo's mother had forbidden him to speak to anyone, Kagura is his only childhood friend. She's loved him wholeheartedly ever since, but her feelings are rooted in a secret sadness.

MOMIJI SOHMA - THE RABBIT

A first-year student at Kaibara Public High School. Because he's half-German and half-Japanese, he can speak both languages. Confused by his childish appearance and behavior, Tohru believed for a long time that he was an elementary school student, but he's actually only a year younger than her. She learned his age six months after they met, when he told her he'd be going to her school.

Momiji looks extremely young, but he has surprising maturity. He still loves his mother deeply, even though she rejected him and had her memories of him erased. He also has the courage to stand up to Akito, who everyone is afraid of, when he thinks Akito's wrong.

HATORI SOHMA THE DRAGON

Hatori comes from a long line of Sohma family physicians, and is carrying the family tradition on. He mostly attends to Akito, but he also makes house calls when a member of the Sohma family is injured or gets sick, and treated Tohru when Shigure asked him to. As well as being a doctor, he knows the technique of manipulating memories, and is responsible for suppressing them when strangers learn the Sohma family secret. When Yuki transformed in front of his friends, Hatori was the one who suppressed their memories.

He gives the impression of being quiet and calm, but that's largely due to his resignation over the way his life has turned out. Interestingly, Hatori is almost completely blind in his left eye.

HATSUHARU SOHMA THE OX

A first-year student at Kaibara Public High School. Hatsuharu has two aspects to his personality, nicknamed Black and White. When he was growing up, the adults teased him mercilessly for being possessed by the foolish Ox, which would have been first in the Zodiac if not for the Rat. He responded by becoming a passive but easily enraged person. His parents couldn't handle him, so they enrolled him in martial arts to help him control his temper. But it wasn't very effective—when he snaps and "goes Black," he still goes wildly out of control.

Normally, he is quiet and easygoing. He doesn't always seem to be paying attention, but very little escapes his notice. Sometimes he speaks very bluntly, even with Yuki or Hatori. Yuki, who helped him overcome his issues when they were young, is very special to him. Haru and Isuzu are lovers.

AYAME SOHMA THE SNAKE

He manages "Ayame," a custom clothing and handicraft shop. Yuki Sohma's older brother. Ayame is always intense, noisy, and self-centered, and he acts like royalty. He is incredibly charismatic, and served as student body president in high school.

These days, he's such a doting older brother that he drives Yuki insane, but when he was younger, he ignored Yuki completely. There is a ten year age difference between them, and Yuki grew up in isolation, so although they both lived on the Sohma "inside," they never spoke. By the time he realized that he'd sacrificed Yuki for his own freedom, a rift had grown up between them. Since then, Ayame has been aggressively trying to build a brotherly bond with Yuki.

KISA SOHMA THE TIGER

A first-year student at a private middle school. Kisa is a shy, quiet girl. When she first met Tohru, she had lost her voice after being horribly teased when she started middle school. The bullying began over her hair and eye color, but escalated to shunning and mockery when she protested. It was severe enough that she stopped going to school entirely. But Tohru, Hatsuharu, and Yuki helped her, and she regained her voice and finds the courage to face the bullying.

Not long ago, Akito struck Kisa hard enough to hospitalize her. To Kisa, the unprovoked attack came out of nowhere. She's been afraid of Akito ever since.

HIRO SOHMA THE RAM

A sixth-year student at a private elementary school. Hiro is only a sixth-year elementary school student, but he enjoys quibbling and can talk circles around most adults. He uses pretentiously large words, and can just keep arguing without even pausing for breath, until people like Tohru can't keep up. Worse, he often sounds accusing, and often makes the people listening to him dislike him unnecessarily. He realizes that he should stop talking so harshly, and hates himself for picking trivial fights, but he has such trouble expressing his feelings honestly that sometimes argumentative things are all that come out.

He is worried about Kisa and Isuzu's situations, but he isn't free to talk about them.

RITSU SOHMA THE MONKEY

A third-year student at a private college. Ritsu is a young man with a feminine beauty that rivals Yuki's--but he's a walking inferiority complex, constantly ready to take the blame for everything. He's humble with everyone, and the slightest complaint or sarcasm sends him into a fit of apology, complete with crying and shouting. He's the type of person who's more concerned about others than himself, but he's too insecure to believe he could help anyone. He wears women's clothing because it makes him feel calmer (at least, compared to how he feels when he dresses like a man).

He is one of the older Zodiac members, but unlike Shigure, Hatori, Ayame, and Kureno, Ritsu doesn't know that Akito is really a woman.

ISUZU SOHMA - THE HORSE

A first-year student at a private girls' high school. Isuzu is in very poor health, and rarely goes to school. Isuzu's childhood home was warm and loving, with kind parents who were always smiling. But when she asked one innocent question--"Are you really having fun?"--the illusion was revealed and shattered in an instant. Her parents had been pushing themselves far beyond their limits to maintain their pretense of happiness. After that, they began subjecting her to severe abuse, which continued until Kagura's parents confirmed what was happening and took Isuzu into their home. The trauma affects her health to this day, and she has been hospitalized repeatedly.

She enraged Akito by becoming Hatsuharu's lover, and suffered terrible injuries when Akito pushed her out a window. After that, she began searching for a way to break the Zodiac curse.

KURENO SOHMA - THE BIRD

Akito Sohma's personal aide. Kureno is the final Zodiac member to meet Tohru. He is Akito's very favorite, and never strays far from her side. Because Akito can't endure it when he leaves her, he spends almost all of his time on the Sohma estate. He has become so isolated that he didn't even know how to shop at a convenience store.

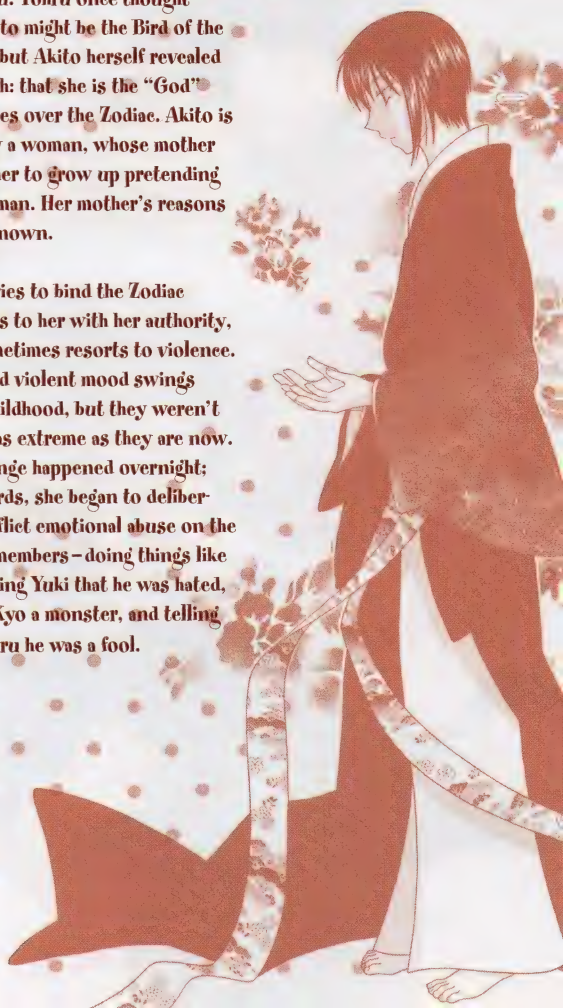
Kureno was born possessed by the spirit of the Bird, but his curse broke long ago (which means we've never seen him transformed in the story). Akito alone knows that he has been released. Kureno's instinctive yearning for "God" disappeared with his curse, but he sees and pities Akito's loneliness, and can't bring himself to leave her. He even became her lover when she wanted him to.

AKITO SOHMA - "GOD"

The head of the Sohma family, and the God that rules over the Zodiac. The fact that Akito is a woman is a closely-guarded secret. Akito and her mother, Ren, hate each other. She seems to be suffering in order to win some sort of victory...

Akito has always been an enigma to Tohru. Tohru once thought that Akito might be the Bird of the Zodiac, but Akito herself revealed the truth: that she is the "God" who rules over the Zodiac. Akito is secretly a woman, whose mother forced her to grow up pretending to be a man. Her mother's reasons are unknown.

Akito tries to bind the Zodiac members to her with her authority, and sometimes resorts to violence. She's had violent mood swings since childhood, but they weren't always as extreme as they are now. The change happened overnight; afterwards, she began to deliberately inflict emotional abuse on the Zodiac members – doing things like convincing Yuki that he was hated, calling Kyo a monster, and telling Hatsuharu he was a fool.



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